

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-captioned application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** (Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).)

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on 03/15/2007 SZEWDIE1 00000074 500206 10814650
- ii. ☐ Other: 01 FC:1001 790.00 DA  
02 FC:1251 120.00 DA
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-SB/08A and References)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☒ Other: **Petition for Extension of Time**

## 2. Miscellaneous

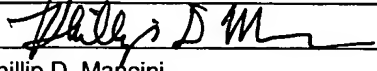
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-captioned application is requested under 37 CFR. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Fees are calculated as follows:
- |  | AMOUNT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity   | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity             |
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE BASIC FEE   | \$ 790.00 | \$ 790.00  | \$ 395.00   |
| ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTENSION FEES | \$ 120.00 | One-Month \$ 120.00<br>Two-Month 450.00<br>Three-Month 1020.00<br>Four-Month 1590.00<br>Five-Month 2160.00 | \$ 60.00<br>225.00<br>510.00<br>795.00<br>1080.00 |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                    | \$ 0.00   | \$ 0.00  | \$ 0.00   |
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees as indicated above, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature		Date	March 14, 2007
Typed or Printed Name	Phillip D. Mancini	Registration No.	46,743

## Instruction Sheet for RCEs

(not to be submitted to the USPTO)

### NOTES:

An RCE is not a new application, and filing an RCE will not result in an application being accorded a new filing date.

#### **Filing Qualifications:**

The application must be a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. The application cannot be a provisional application, a utility or plant application filed before June 8, 1995, a design application, or a patent under reexamination. See 37 CFR 1.114(e).

#### **Filing Requirements:**

***Prosecution in the application must be closed.*** Prosecution is closed if the application is under appeal, or the last Office action is a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., an Office action under *Ex parte Quayle*). See 37 CFR 1.114(b).

***A submission and a fee are required at the time the RCE is filed.*** If a reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding (e.g., the application is under final rejection), the submission must meet the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. If there is no outstanding Office action, the submission can be an information disclosure statement, an amendment, new arguments, or new evidence. See 37 CFR 1.114(c). The submission may be a previously filed amendment (e.g., an amendment after final rejection).

### WARNINGS:

#### **Request for Suspension of Action:**

All RCE filing requirements must be met before suspension of action is granted. A request for suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) does not satisfy the submission requirement and does not permit the filing of the required submission to be suspended.

#### **Improper RCE will NOT toll Any Time Period:**

***Before Appeal*** - If the RCE is improper (e.g., prosecution in the application is not closed or the submission or fee has not been filed) and the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the last Office action will continue to run and the application will be abandoned after the statutory time period has expired if a reply to the Office action is not timely filed. No additional time will be given to correct the improper RCE.

***Under Appeal*** - If the RCE is improper (e.g., the submission or the fee has not been filed) and the application is under appeal, the improper RCE is effective to withdraw the appeal. Withdrawal of the appeal results in the allowance or abandonment of the application depending on the status of the claims. If there are no allowed claims, the application is abandoned. If there is at least one allowed claim, the application will be passed to issue on the allowed claim(s). See MPEP 1215.01

**See MPEP 706.07(h) for further information on the RCE practice.**